TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office

March 18, 1998 LR 45, 306

after full time-consuming public debate with a general idea of how it would be operational and ought not to be tacked on at Select File in the manner that's being attempted. With that, if I have any other time left I would give it to the "Wizard of Harrison," Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized. You have three minutes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I am rising to oppose the amendment by Senator Brown for a number of reasons: one, I'm not quite sure what a home rule county would look like but I'm afraid that it doesn't do what Senator Brown is suggesting it would do in light, as I think Senator Coordsen was starting to note, of prior Supreme Court Opinions. And if the idea is that somehow we have home rule counties and they don't continue to come to the Legislature for statutory authorization statutory prohibition or all or some mixture of the two, you should harken back to our experience with home rule cities. seems that we are continually being asked to adjust some aspect of how a home rule city governs itself, and I believe that is not an improper role for the Legislature to play. I am a little bit concerned about the way in which this issue has been brought to us. It is (sic) not in any extent conform to the contents of 306CA or the committee amendments to 306CA except dealing with the general subject matter of a home rule county, whatever that might be. It would be I think more appropriate to have had a little bit more notice that this discussion was going to take place and the form in which it would have been able to take place so that we could have had a more full presentation to the members of the body. Maybe we'll be able to prepare that presentation over the noon hour. But, in any event, the proposal by Senator Brown...

SENATOR WESELY: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...is really the addition of another issue to 45CA. We have been careful to date to craft LR 45CA so that individual questions can be presented to the voters for their approval or rejection. The issue that Senator Brown is presenting is so significant that it is, in my mind, inappropriate certainly to adopt it in the form that it is now